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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR CALLS FOR CLOSE CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA

1. IN AN EDITORIAL DECEMBER 20, THE TORONTO STAR, CANADA'S LARGEST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, CALLED FOR "NEW DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA'S HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP" WITH JAMAICA. HEADLINED "CANADA CAN HELP JAMAICANS PROGRESS," THE EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT "THE RESULT OF THE JAMAICAN ELECTION OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT PLEASE WASHINGTON, BUT IT SHOULD BE ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO OTTAWA"
2. THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED THAT PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S CREDENTIALS ARE SUSPECT IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO REASONS, NEITHER OF THE M
OF ANY GREAT CONCERN TO CANADA. FIRST, HE FAVORS DEVELOPING RELATIONS -
SHIP WITH CUBA, AND CASTRO'S CUBA STILL SENDS AMERICAN BLOOD PRESSURE SOARING. SECOND, AMERICAN BUSINESS SEES ITS DLS.1 BILLION INVESTMENT THREATENED BY MANLEY'S SOCIALIST REFORMS.
"CANADA ALSO HAS REFUSED TO FOLLOW THE AMERICAN LINE IN RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT JAMAICA SHOULD SEEK CLOSER TIES EITH ONE OF ITS CLOSEST NEIGHBORS IN THE CARIBBEAN."

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EM THE STAR CONTENDED THAT "JAMAICA AND THE OTHERWEST INDIAN COUNTRIES OFFER CANADA A LINK WITH THE DEVELOPING THIRD WORLS THAT IS MORE IMMEDIATE THAT ANY IN AFRICA OR ASIA," AND REFERRED TO THE HUMAN LINKS OF THE ESTIMATED 50,000 JAMAICANS IN METROPOLITAN TORONTO AND THE APPROXIMATELY SOME NUMBER OF CANADIAN TOURISTS TO JAMAICA EACH YEAR. THE EDITORIAL NOTED

THE INCREASE IN CANADIAN AID NEGOTIATED DURING MANLEY'S VISIT TO CANADA IN OCTOBER BUT OBSERVED THAT, NO MATTER HOW HELPFUL, THE AMOUNT "IS LITTLE ENOUGH FOR A COUNTRY WITH PROBLEMS OF CRISIS DIMENSIONS IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

4. THE STAR CONCLUDED THAT "THE DANGER NOW IS NOT THAT THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT IS RECEPTIVE TO CUBAN COMMUNISM, BUT THAT OUTSIDE INDIFFERENCE OR, IN THE CASE OF THE U.S. HOSTILITY, WILL FORCE JAMAICA IN THE DIRECTION OF TOTALITARIAN SOLUTIONS FOR ITS PROBLEMS."
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